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the bill, Mr. Knight said among other things that the bill was designed to secure desirable settlers for Florida; that it authorized the securing of options on lands, so that prospective settlers may have places to settle on when they come here to settle; that county immigration movements were invariably successful.

All of which are good reasons why the bill should pass.

Mr. Abernethy of Orange told of the splendid showing made by immigration movements in his county. He said that thrifty German and Swedish families had been secured as settlers, who had become good citizens; that they did not occupy jails, but were occupied in adding to the wealth of Orange County.

Mr. Reese, who spoke against the bill, furnished a good argument for it.

He said that the railroads were doing immigration work, and that they should do it all, because they had been given large areas of public land.

All right, suppose they have. They own but little of it now compared to the large amount they have sold to private owners.

And it's this land that needs settlement and cultivation.

The railroads will look after the settlement of their own land. They have done it, are doing it now, and will continue to do it. Trust them.

Florida people, the common people, have lands that need settlers to develop them. Florida should help.

Mr. DuPont has a good immigration bill, as far as it goes, but it don't go far enough.

It appropriates only \$2,500 per year for two years to be spent preparing, printing and circulating advertising matter.

Fine thing to do, but it can not be well done with this amount of money.

In these hustling times 'tis not enough to spread the feast. You have to go out and get your guests or the other fellow will get them.

There are not enough to go around.

'Tis not likely that two immigration bills will pass, particularly when both call for appropriations.

The thing to do is to pick out the best one.

Mr. Knight's is the best.

Under it the State can do all that can be done under Mr. DuPont's bill, and more, too.

This is no time to be cheap.

Let us not try to establish a bureau at the cost of a pigeon hole.

Legislators should start the Immigration Bureau RIGHT or not start it at all.

But they must start it.

Their masters, the people, have ordered them to do it. This brings me again to the bill of Mr. Knight of Citrus.

Which should pass.

Personality of Jefferson Davis.

There must have been a great personal charm in Jefferson Davis notwithstanding his rather austere courtly address, and it has occurred to me that in it, next to the almost irresistible influence of marriage ties, may be found the explanation of the fact that a number of northern men, his personal friends, like House of Massachusetts, Cooper of New York, Ives of Connecticut, Gorges and Collins of Pennsylvania, broke the natural bonds of home and blood and fought for the Confederacy. A southern friend who visited him at Beauvoir a few years before he died referred to this rare trait of his nature and went on to describe his home, shaded by pines and live oaks, with their drapery of swaying moss, and he told me of the way his broad porch overlooked the still and peaceful waters of the gulf of Mexico. I wonder if as his eye rested out on that stretch of sea, where now and then a solitary pelican winged heavily into view, he thought of his cadet days on the banks of the Hudson and contrasted their peace with the dead hopes of his old age. He was a great man.—General Morris Schaff in Atlantic.

Dividing a Penny.

The difficulty of obtaining a farthing as change in the province was experienced as long ago as the reign of Henry VI. In 1444 a petition was presented to parliament stating that for want of halfpence and farthings men "traveling over contrées, for part of their expenses of necessities, must depart our sovereign Lord's coigne, that is to wete, a penny in two peces, or elles forgo all the same penny for the payment of an halfpenny." According to various antiquarians, the silver penny of early times was deeply impressed with a cross that it might be divided into the "halfing," or halfpenny, and the "fourthing," or farthing. Home in his year book of 1832 refers to a similar practice of halving and quartering the dollar "in remote settlement of the United States of America."—London Chronicle.

A Clumsy Thief.

A party of men were discussing their experiences with the hotel souvenir fends—meaning women who are in the habit of picking up anything that happens to suit their fancy—when one of them, a Londoner, told of a man he had seen in action in the Cafe de Paris and the result.

"This particular patron would order a cigar costing about a dollar," said he, "and invariably he would slip an extra one into his pocket while the waiter was not supposed to be looking. Of course the waiter discovered the trick and reported it to the manager. The patron could not be insulted by being told that he was a thief, so the manager simply added other things to the bill and made up for the cigar. That has been going on, I am told, for many years; and the patron doesn't know yet that he is paying for that stolen cigar."—New York Globe.

A Silkworm Romance.

The king of Khotan, in central Asia, made overtures for the hand of the daughter of the emperor of China, and his suit was favorably entertained. But there was something from China which he coveted even more than the fair princess and which he had failed to win by war. So he induced his bride elect to secrete in the long tresses of her hair a number of silkworm eggs and seeds of the mulberry plant when she came to him, and in that romantic fashion was it that the culture of the silkworm and the manufacture of silk took their first step westward.

Inside Water Route to Alaska.

It is a well known fact that it is possible to go from Seattle to Sitka, Alaska, along a series of "channels," "canals" and "reaches" without once entering the open ocean. In addition to this unique inside passage of upward of 1,000 miles, there is a mass of branches of such enormous extent that the whole system of channels has not yet been charted. Everywhere these arms of the sea are inclosed between mountain walls, and in many places they have the characteristics of great bays.—New York World.

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